

Mississippi State Fire Academy

# Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2021



#1 Fire Academy USA  
Jackson, MS 39208

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Terry Wages  
Executive Director

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# From Executive Director Terry Wages



It is with great pleasure to present to you our FY2021 Annual Report of the Mississippi State Fire Academy. As we continue to adapt to this ever-changing environment, this year, we stayed true to our commitment to excellence and our dedication to our state fire service.

Not uncommon to transitional education, our methods of course delivery require new and innovative ways that connect to students and provide an educational experience conducive to meeting the responsibilities of public safety, while maintaining consistency in standards of training. This is ever more evident with adjustments necessary as we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. Technology through online course delivery and application of hybrid programs, MSFA continues to offer a firm development platform that ensures adequate standards of training throughout our state.

The Mississippi State Fire Academy remains committed to providing training and educational excellence that is certain to “make a difference when it matters the most.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Terry Wages".

Executive Director



### **State Fire Academy Mission Statement**

To serve the Mississippi Fire Service Community and the World by providing quality education and training in fundamental and advanced skills to save lives and property.

*"Making A Difference When It Matters The Most!"*

### **Philosophy**

The State Fire Academy is committed and responsible for the training and education of personnel engaged in municipal, county, and industrial fire protection. This student body consists of career, volunteer, and industrial fire personnel. The Academy has three training areas, which are 1) Certification Services 2) Extension Services and 3) Industrial and Special Services, which all focus on the Academy's only function, which is training. All other areas support the staff and students of these training areas.

The Academy's philosophy is to deliver quality training and instruction to the fire service/emergency response personnel of the State, while adhering to high ethical standards, promoting cooperation among staff with efficiency and integrity in their work while representing the Academy in a professional, courteous, and helpful manner at all times, and safeguarding the assets of the State. The Academy is committed to providing excellent service to its customers by providing training based on National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards as well as specialized courses not addressed by NFPA.

### **Statewide Goal and Benchmark**

#### **Public Safety and Order**

To protect the public's safety-by providing training to first responders/emergency responders.

The training students receive from the Academy provides them the skills necessary to save lives and property, which will in turn, lower the insurance fire rating which determines the premium rates on business and homeowner's insurance.



### **Enabling Legislation**

MS Code Annotated Section 45-11-7:

The State Fire Academy was created for the purpose of training and education of persons engaged in municipal, county, and industrial fire protection.

The Academy is officially designated as the agency of this state to conduct training for fire personnel on a statewide basis to all duly constituted fire departments.

### **MS Code Annotated Section 45-11-5:**

Creation of a separate account known as the “State Fire Academy Fund” for the deposit of a tax of one-half of one percent ( $1/2$  of 1%) of the gross premium receipts of fire insurance policies levied in the state.

### **Senate Bill 2362 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session:**

The above legislation changed the direction of the funding received by the Fire Academy to go to the state general fund effective July 1, 2016, in addition to diverting all cash in the account to the state general fund.

### **MS Code Annotated Section 45-11-7:**

The Academy is designated as a division (sub-agency) of the Insurance Department.

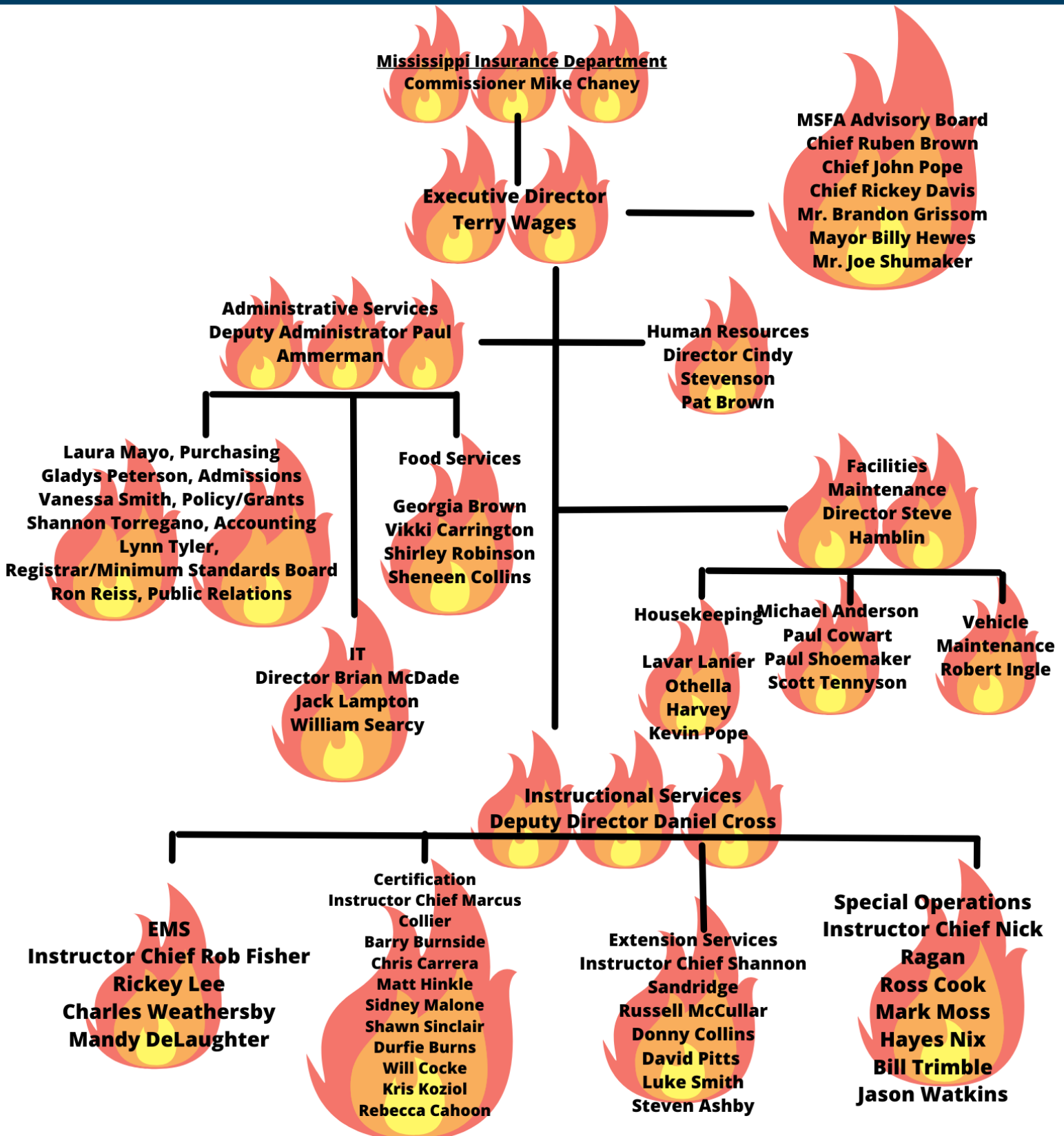
### **MS Code Annotated Section 45-11-203:**

Within one year of employment, all paid full-time firefighters shall be certified as completing the mandatory training requirements administered by the State Fire Academy.

### **MS Code Annotated Section 83-1-39:**

Requires one member of the sheriff’s department to be the county fire investigator and to attend training at the State Fire Academy in arson investigation.

# Organizational Chart





# Fund Balance Financial Statement July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

State Appropriations House Bill 1699:

\$4,968,718

## Grant Funding:

Sub Grant Funds-Passed through other State Agencies, and  
Federal Grant Funds-Direct

\$1,776,644

**TOTAL Appropriations and Grant Funding:**

**\$6,745,362**

## Expenses:

Salaries, Wages, Fringe Benefits

\$3,853,593

Travel

\$ 29,255

Contractual Services

\$ 430,704

Commodities

\$ 441,332

Equipment Purchases

\$ 735,715

Vehicles

\$ -0-

Resale Merchandise and Subsidies

\$ 18,826

**TOTAL Expenses:**

**\$5,509,425**

Unused General Funding as of June 30, 2020:

\$118,638

Unused Federal Grant Funding as of June 30, 2020:

\$1,117,299



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The Commissioner of Insurance may establish and charge reasonable fees for the training programs and other services provided by the Academy.





# Grant Information Fiscal Year 2021

The Academy was able to receive grant funds directly from the Federal Aviation Administration. This grant will be utilized to pay for a brand new Airport Rescue Firefighter Crash Truck. Purchase is expected to be completed in FY 2022

**Grant Funds Received: \$760,000**

The Academy was able to receive grant funds directly from the Assistance to Firefighter Grants to rebuild burn building in FY2021. This grant was utilized to purchase a gas-fueled live fire training prop system with fully independent fireplaces. Purchase and renovation were completed in FY 2022.

**Grant Funds Received: \$434,756**

The Academy was able to receive grant funds directly from the Assistance to Firefighter Grants. This grant will be utilized to purchase a breathing air compressor with two filling stations and a cascade system gas-fueled live fire training prop system with fully independent fireplaces. Purchase is expected to be completed in FY 2022.

**Grant Funds Received: \$107,228**

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security under the MS Department of Public Safety awarded grant funds from the State Homeland Security Program. This grant was utilized for on-campus and field delivery programs that have been approved through the Office of Domestic Preparedness. This grant was utilized for the delivery of Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations, Hazardous Materials Technician, Trench Rescue, and NIMS courses.

**Grant Funds Received: \$250,000**

**Deliveries Offered: 19**

**Students Participating: 277**

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency awarded grant funds from the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness, under the US Department of Transportation. This grant was utilized for the delivery of Hazardous Materials Technician I, Hazardous Materials Technician II, Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations, and Fire Chemistry.

**Grant Funds Received: \$204,660**

**Deliveries Offered: 9**

**Students Participating: 127**

# Grant Information Fiscal Year 2021 (cont.)

The Academy was able to receive grant funds directly from the National Fire Academy State Fire Training Grant Program. This grant procures funding for courses approved by the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy to be administered on a statewide basis to fire service and emergency response personnel. Courses administered during FY 2021.

**Grant Funds Received: \$20,000**

**Deliveries Offered: 4**

**Students Participating: 67**



# Certification Bureau

**Mississippi Trainer Agility Test (MSTAT)**

**Firefighter 1001-I-II**

**Firefighter 1001-I-II: Field Course**

**Firefighter 1001-I-II: Hybrid**

**Fire Officer 1021-I-II**

**Fire Officer 1021-I-II: Online**

**Fire Officer 1021-II: Online**

**Fire Officer 1021-I-II: Field Course**

**Mississippi Executive Fire Officer Program**

**Fire Service Instructor 1041-I-II**

**Fire Service Instructor 1041-III**

**Fire Service Instructor 1041-I-II: Online**

**Fire Department Safety Officer 1521: Online**

**Fire Department Safety Officer 1521: Field Delivery**

**Fire Inspector 1031-I**

**Fire Inspector 1031-II**

**Fire Service Chaplain**

**How To Develop and Assist In Firefighter Physical Fitness Programs**

**Truck Company Operations**

**Engine Company Operations**

**Guidelines for Certification Field Courses and Online Delivery**



# EMS Bureau



# Extension Services Bureau

The background of the text area features a large, faint watermark of the Mississippi State Fire Marshal Seal. The seal is a Maltese cross with a yellow center and blue outer sections. It contains various symbols including a fire hydrant, a fire engine, and a fire helmet. The words "MISSISSIPPI STATE FIRE MARSHAL" and "SERVANT" are visible within the seal's design.

**Driver/Operator NFPA 1002: Pumper Apparatus**  
**Driver/Operator NFPA 1002: Pumper Apparatus Field Evaluation**  
**Driver/Operator NFPA1002: Aerial Apparatus Field Evaluation**  
**Airport Fire Fighter NFPA - 1003**  
**Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighter Refresher**  
**Fire Investigator 1033**  
**Mississippi County Fire Investigator**  
**Mississippi County Fire Investigator: annual in-service**  
**Public Information Officer 1035**  
**Human Trafficking Awareness for First Responders**  
**Fire & Life Safety Education (FLSE) - NFPA 1035 (I-III)**  
**Fireground Skills Refresher**  
**Liquefied Petroleum Gas Tactics & Live Fire Drill**  
**Industrial On-site Training Programs (Modules I-V)**  
**Mississippi Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter Program (Modules I & II)**  
**Mississippi Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter II**  
**Certified Fireground Resource Technician Program**  
**Certified Volunteer Driver Operator: I**  
**Certified Volunteer Driver Operator: II**  
**Mississippi Volunteer Fire Officer-I**  
**Mississippi Volunteer Fire Officer-II**  
**Fire Fighter Field Day**  
**Managing The Rural Emergency Incident**  
**Passenger Bus Rescue & Incident Management**  
**National Fire Academy Programs**  
**Regional Training Courses**  
**Mississippi Fire Chief Designation Program (MFCD)**  
**Mississippi Chief Fire Officer Designation Program (MCFOD)**

# Special Operations/ Industry Bureau



**Fireground Leadership**  
**Fire Service Management - 101**  
**Smoke Diver**  
**Rope Rescue Awareness & Operations (Rope Level I)**  
**Rescue Technician (Rope Level II)**  
**Tower Rescue Technician**  
**Rope Rescue Awareness & Operations-Field Delivery: Modules 1-4**  
**Confined Space Rescue Technician**  
**Confined Space Rescue Field Delivery: Modules 1-4**  
**Trench Rescue Technician**  
**Surface Water & Swiftwater Rescue Technician**  
**Firefighter Intervention Rescue Survival Techniques (FIRST)**  
**Certified Advanced Rescue Specialist (CARS)**  
**Vehicle Extraction & Rescue Technician**  
**Advanced Rope Rescue Workshop: Wilderness**  
**Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations: Online**  
**Hazardous Materials Technician - I**  
**Hazardous Materials Technician - II**  
**Incident Management of Hazardous Materials**  
**Hazardous Materials Technician Field Delivery**  
**NFA Chemistry of Hazardous Materials: Fire Chem I**



# Organizational Affiliations



**Our Team are contributing members of the following affiliations:**

- International Association of Fire Chiefs
- International Code Council
- International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC)
- Mississippi Administrative Assistants Professional Association
- Mississippi Association of Governmental Purchasing and Property Agents
- Mississippi Association of Personnel Administrators
- Mississippi Association of Public Fire Safety Educators
- Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association
- Mississippi Fire Fighters Association
- Mississippi Fire Service Instructors Association
- National Association of Fire Investigators
- National Fire Protection Association

# Adjunct Instructor Affiliations

The Academy contracted with the following individuals for course deliveries during the fiscal year.

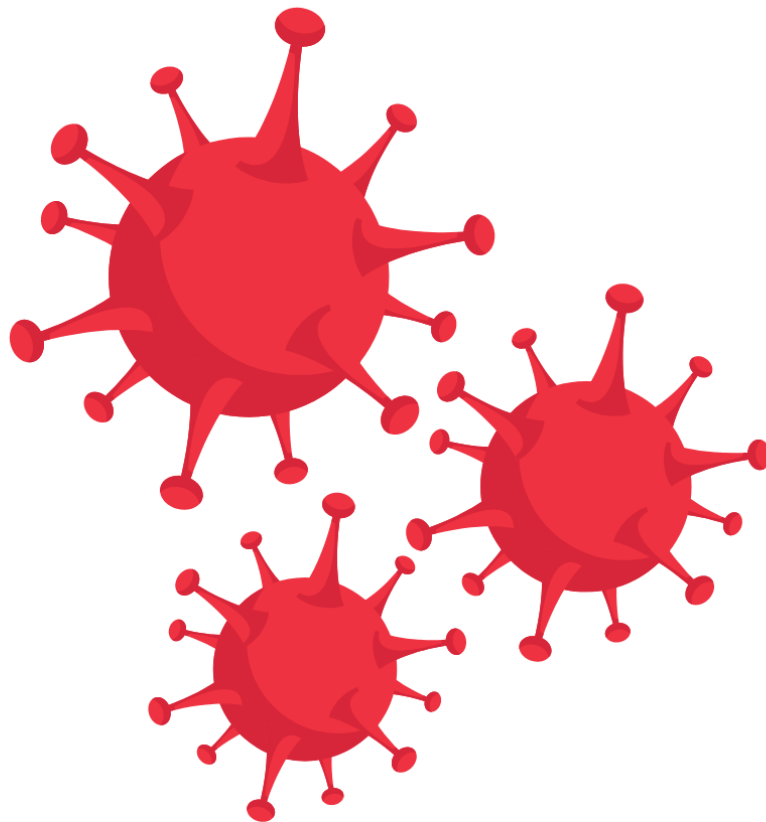
Abercrombie, Joseph  
Adams, David  
Briggs, David  
Brown, Finley  
Brown, Charles  
Bryant, Richard  
Bunyard, James  
Bush, Robert  
Collins, Barry  
Culver, Jermaine  
Cummings, Phillip  
Davies, Joshua  
Devore, Calvin  
Dillard, Tommy  
Dubuisson, Scott  
Ford, Dustin  
Garza, Juan  
Gettinger, Michael  
Gibens, Ricky  
Grimes, John  
Homan, Patrick  
Horn, George  
Keys, Cody  
Kramer, Robert  
Laney, Christopher  
Marbury, Curtiss



Malone, Tommy  
Miller, Justin  
Mills, Jerry  
Morris, Vernon  
Parker, Robert  
Parks, Clarence  
Queen, Joseph  
Reed, Leland  
Rivera, Nicholas  
Robbins, Norris  
Rutherford, Michael  
Sanchez, Savanna  
Sanko, Scott  
Shook, Charles  
Smith, Longnacio  
Stone, Adams  
Tate, Charles  
Taylor, Michael  
Thomas, Steven  
Vanhorn, Karl  
Watts, Michael  
Whirley, Jerry  
Whiteside, Mark  
Winchester, Samuel  
Wood, Steven  
Yarbrough, Charles

# Specialized Outside Professional Instructor Affiliations Fiscal Year 2021

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the Mississippi State Fire Academy did not contract with any outside entities. The Academy usually contracts with several specialized instructors to teach fire-related deliveries. However, with the limited schedule of FY 2021, these courses were not delivered.





# Student Numbers

**4,470**

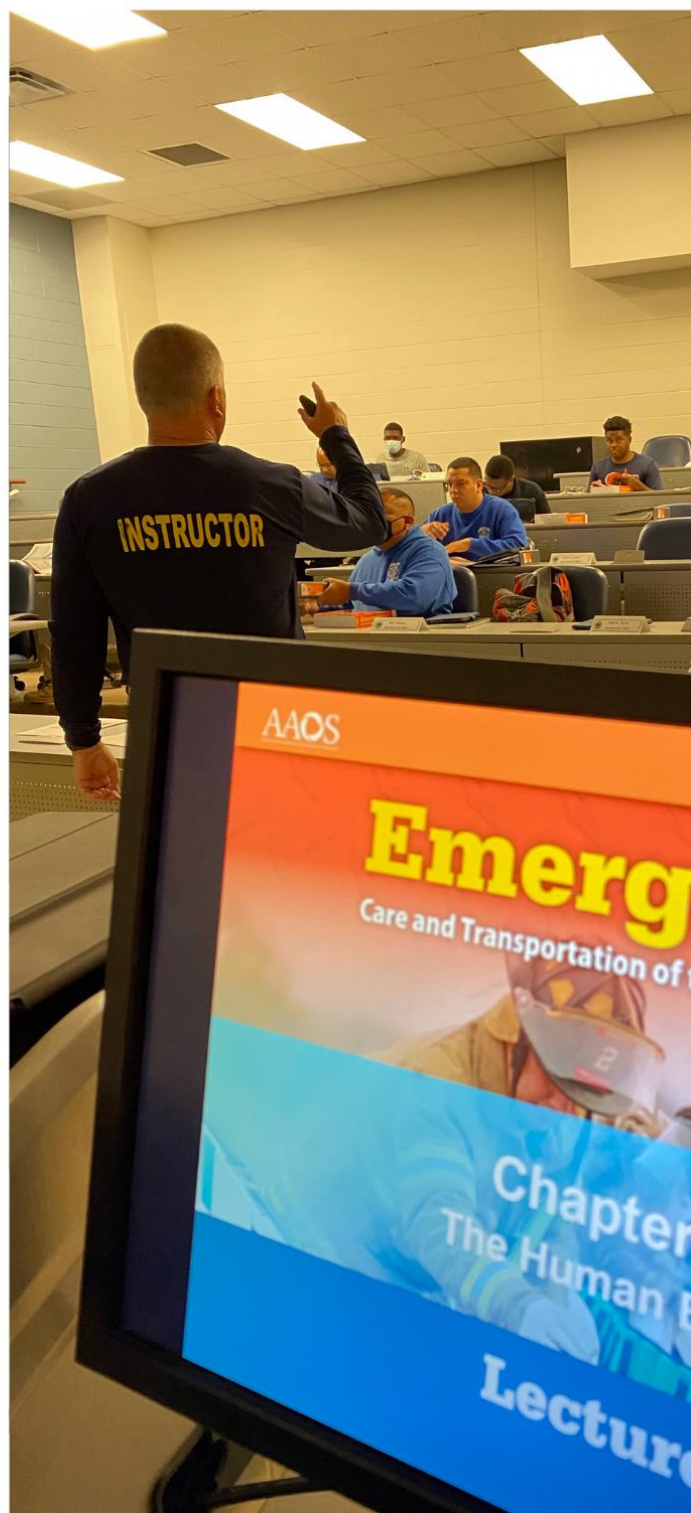
TOTAL STUDENTS

**341**

TOTAL COURSES  
DELIVERED

**126,966**

TOTAL STUDENT HOURS







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